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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/516,944
Applicants: Takashi NARUI, et al.
Filing Date: December 16, 2004
For: TRANSDERMAL ABSORPTION PREPARATION
Group Art Unit: 1615
Examiner: MERCIER

SIR:


Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Letter to PTO; Information Disclosure Statement; PTO Form 1449; Cited References (2); Copy of an Office Action concerning JP 2002-206565 issued on February 23, 2009

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Respectfully submitted,

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LETTER TO PTO

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Regarding the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on December 16, 2004, Applicants request the Examiner to kindly send a corrected PTO Form 1449 with her initials, signature and date. Applicants note that the PTO Form 1449 filed December 16, 2004, was considered by the Examiner on October 20, 2007, and all references were properly initialed and signed. However, some of the references (AJ-AR) show a strike-through line. Applicants believe this to be an error and request the Examiner to kindly resend a corrected PTO Form 1449 with her initials, name and signature and without strike-through lines.

Most notably, all references cited in the IDS filed December 16, 2004, were cited in an International Search Report. Further, the MPEP states that:

“The examiner will consider the documents cited in the international search report in a PCT national stage application when the Form PCT/DO/EO/903 indicates that both the international search report and the copies of the documents are present in the national stage file. In such a case, the examiner should consider the documents from the international search

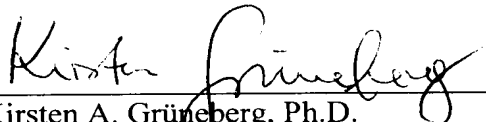
report and indicate by a statement in the first Office action that the information has been considered.”

MPEP §609

The Office has acknowledged receipt of the International Search Report and the copies of the cited references on Form PCT/DO/EO/903. The respective copies are attached herewith. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Office to acknowledge consideration of the above references.

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